420 ELEGIES, PARTHENOpHiL



Where comforts all be burnt before the bloom?

Was It concluded by remorseless Fate That underneath th* Erymanthlan Bear, Beneath the Lycaonian axletree (Where ceaseless snows, and frost's extremity Hold jurisdiction) should remain my Fear;

Where all mine hopes be nipt before the Bear? Was it thus ordered that, till my death's date, When PHOEBUS runs on our meridian line, When mists fall down beneath our hemisphere, And CYNTHIA, with dark antipodes doth shine₃

That my Despair should hold his Mansion there? Where did the fatal Sisters this assign? Even when this judgement to them was awarded; The silent Sentence issued from her eyne, Which neither pity, nor my cares regarded.

ELEGY XII.



NEVER can I see that sunny light! That bright contriver of my fiery rage! Those precious Golden Apples shining bright j

But, out alas! methinks, some fearful sight Should battle, with the dear beholders wage.